

Baffin Island

Baffin Island (Baffin Island), a vast island in the Arctic Ocean, comprises five hundred thousand kilometers the Arctic, where the main attraction is Auyuittuq National Park Reserve, located on the Cumberland Peninsula.

No other available national park in Canada is not so far to the north, so the trip after the treeless area, bristling with peaks with a height exceeding 1500 m icy streams provides unusual experiences, particularly in the period from May to July, when this part of the world no night falls. Another thing that the power of nature in the cruel environment, where temperatures soar to more than 6 ° C in July and August, can captivate people just really eager strong impressions. Who first selected in such a hostile area, you should enroll in a tour organized, covering all services, even on such an expedition should be given to the best, because the supply arrives on the island only once a year.

Auyuittuq National Park Reserve, located in the north-eastern part of Baffin Island, on both sides of the Arctic Circle, is one of the finest areas in the north of Canada. In the middle of the park stands the massive ice caps Penney, a remnant of the glacier, which covered most of Canada east of the Rockies 18 thousand years ago. The main tourist route is a 110-mile Pangnirtung / Aksayuk Pass, leading over the mountains between Cumberland and Bay Davis Strait. Auyuittuq in Inuit means "land that never melts", but despite the merciless cold is no shortage in the area of flora and fauna: the summer of sparse vegetation, tundra vegetation flourishes, and the animal world astounds variety - including live here lemmings, polar bears, caribou, polar foxes and hares, geese, blizzards, migratory falcons, narwhal, walrus, Greenland and the white shaft and the Greenland seal, ringed and Wasat Distance 25 km from Pangnirtung separating the southern entrance to the park can be crossed only motorized canoe mark, which also hired Inuit fishing and sightseeing trips, and to observe whales. Charges for these "canoes" - more reminiscent of small fishing vessels - are determined by the cooperative and the Inuit of around C \$ 125 for two people for the carriage in one direction, plus the C \$ 35-60 for each additional person. Pangnirtung Fjord by boat can enter only in July when the ice will break, and would otherwise need to travel this road on foot. In general, you can always ask the boat by radio with one of the few park shelters, for example, some years but someone stole all the batteries, so it is advisable in any case make an appointment in advance to return.

Within the park, a man is usually passed only on themselves, and the weather makes an unpleasant surprise: often snowstorms, strong winds blow and the fall rains. It should also be aware that hypothermia fatalities occurred in the park, even in midsummer. You need to have with each other clothes and accessories for all weather, and lift the rod or stick to shoring up the crossings through icy streams, which occur about every 200-300 meters, and in July may be over a meter deep. There is no wood for fuel, because the park is several miles north of the border range of trees, so that the stove is required for the campsite.

Principal access to Baffin Island, is through a fast-growing city Iqaluit (formerly Frobisher Bay), the capital of Nunavut, with over 4 thousand inhabitants, mostly Inuit, whose current name simply means "fish." Baffin Island is only accessible by air.